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For: Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia Canis* and *Ehrlichia Chaffeensis* Antibodies

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 31, 2003. Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time. A check for \$930 (nine hundred thirty dollars) is enclosed. The commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our deposit account number 13-2490 for any under- or over-payment of fees.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.